



SATURDAY, - MAR. 28, 1896.

TROY LETTER.

Troy, N. Y., March 24, 1896.

It seems as though we are just now going to have winter up here. This is a spring month but we are having winter weather every day up to date. The largest snow we have had this winter came on the 12th inst. It was very cold on the ground now. It is very cold.

The Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches had good meetings all day Sunday.

One of the best things the state of New York has done for her people is that the Raines Liquor Tax Bill, was signed by the Governor Monday, 23rd inst. and has become a law.

The next thing we want now is that McKinley be nominated next June by the Republican party and on the 3rd day of next November the people will see to it and make him the president of these United States.

We are New Yorkers but we want the Ohio man for president. Yet we bow our heads and wonder where the man who would go to the White House could have a back-bone strong enough to stand up to that every citizen irrespective of race or color, would have his rights by law. One Ohio man would have done it had he not been killed.

Let us all do right and the great Judge and President of all the world will see to it, that the under president and rulers will do right by his people.

We have in our city at present much sickness of different kinds.

Mr. Andrew Anthony, of 1642 Sixth Avenue, of whom we spoke last week, died on the 17th inst. His funeral took place at the A. M. E. Church on Friday, 20th inst.

Mr. William Thompson, of 120 Ferry St., has been suffering since last December from the extraction of a tooth which caused the fracture of his jaw bone on the 18th inst. He had an operation performed and the piece of bone taken out. He is now doing just as well as any one can expect after such trial. He had some nineteen of his friends to call on him last Sunday wanting to see him after the operation.

Mr. Thompson says he feels very grateful to his friends, Messrs. C. O. Hudson, S. R. Taylor and R. C. Bonds who have proven themselves to be true friends to him through his sickness.

Mrs. Ida Harris, of 1222 Ferry St., to the joy of her friends is out again after two weeks illness.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Sixth Avenue, of whom we spoke last week is still very sick.

Mrs. Sarah King has been very sick but is improving.

Mrs. Samuel Prince, 187 Fourth Ave. is not well but is up and about.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Read are running a first-class boarding-house at 1437 Broadway, West Troy, of which their many friends are very glad to see them having good success.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith entertained a few of their friends last Tuesday evening on Union St. Misses Della Hunter, Sarah Simon, Mary W. Haskins, Anne Haskins, Mrs. Hunter, Messrs. D. Mason, Robert Williams and others were present.

Rev. J. A. Taylor had a room at Mrs. Rose Dixon's from Sunday, Jan. 10th to March 10th, 1896, which time is two months. When he left on the 11th of March he asked Mrs. Dixon for his bill for sleeping, she told him he did not charge him anything. The Reverend supposing his bill was about \$6 or \$10 was happily surprised by her making him a present of the bill. The Reverend feels very thankful to Mrs. Dixon and her father for their kind treatment and gift.

Rev. J. A. Taylor spent two weeks in Catskill with his family. He came back to Troy last Sunday morning in time for the Lord's day services. He will be in Troy all this week. Arrangements are being made for him to move his family to Troy about the first of April. He may live in West Troy.

The Presbyterian church will have an entertainment about the 9th of April.

Messrs. S. R. Taylor and David Jamieson were down to Albany last Sunday morning to Rev. A. T. Johnson's church. They report that the Baptists are holding their own in Albany and Rev. A. T. Johnson is doing well with his church there. He had a fine congregation at 11 a. m. He preached a notable sermon from the text: Matt. 5:8. They have a fine Sunday-school.

Rev. A. T. Johnson of Albany and E. T. Curtis of Catskill expect to be with Rev. J. A. Taylor in Troy next Sunday in the organization. Rev. J. A. Taylor will preach at 11 a. m., Rev. A. T. Johnson at 3 p. m. and Rev. E. T. Curtis at 8 p. m.

RECEIVED.

—Rev. S. C. Burrell, Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. was the recipient of a Gold pen and pencil holder from Plymouth Rock Fountain, No. 440.

NOTICE.

All of the members of Calanthe Club are requested to meet at Richmond Hall, 414 N. 3rd St., Monday, March 30, '96, at 8 o'clock P. M., preparatory for initiation.

Mrs. S. L. Mitchell, Pres.  
H. L. Williams, Secy.

FROM PHILADELPHIA.

Odd Fellow's Annual Concert and Reception—Masonic Notes—Richland Excursion Park.

Unity Lodge 711, G. U. O. of O. F. held their annual concert and reception on the 12th inst. This lodge enjoys the distinction of being the oldest lodge in the state of Pennsylvania and the 3rd lodge that was organized in this country.

The Miller Quartette and Combination Company, and the Hamilton Moore's Orchestra entertained the audience nicely.

Masters Robert and Albert Matthews performed nicely upon the violin and mandolin.

fair to be one of the leading lodges of the State.

Richland Excursion Park, a great place of amusement, near the town of Richland, situated on the South Jersey Railroad, 34 miles from Camden, consisting of 25 acres of land on Pancoast Lake has been purchased by the Richland Park Association, limited, which has a capital stock of \$5,000. It is divided into shares of \$100 each. The public is solicited to subscribe for stock.

Weekly meetings Monday evenings, 8:30 at the Y. M. C. A., Room 1130 Pine St. This is a wonderful move up on the part of the colored men of this town. The President, Thomas W. Williams, deserves much credit for his work. He is trying to make this a success and men should rally to the rescue. James F. Dabney is the secretary.

J. L. WALLACE.

STAUNTON LETTER.

Staunton, Va., March 17, 1896.

Religious Items—Personal Items—True Reformers and the Grab.

Last Sunday was a very unfavorable day. Sunday schools and churches were largely deserted, considering the weather. Rev. J. I. Allen of the Richmond Theological School visited the Ebenezer Baptist Union and spoke words of encouragement. He also preached for Mount Zion congregation at 7:30.

Rev. W. E. Thompson, B. D., of Harmony Village, Middlesex Co., of Presbyterian Church, was given at Mt. Zion Church Thursday night, 12th inst., under the management of Prof. J. L. Peters. The young men prepared the board and the ladies did the bidding, and all enjoyed the fun. One of our talent ran his cane in a lady's dress and had no time to say excuse me. A big fire was behind him and he was traveling by light.

About two weeks ago, a lyceum was organized in the Ebenezer Baptist Church by the ladies; president, Mrs. A. E. Bolden; first vice-president, Mrs. J. C. Harris; second vice-president, Mrs. Emma Davenport; treas., Mrs. Lucy White; secretary, Mrs. Hannah Parks. They had a red hot discussion the night of the 12th inst. upon which is the most beneficial to the colored race education or money. It is before the lyceum for debate during the present week.

The young men of the city of Staunton have manifested great interest in the protection of the city and have extended to the citizens by effecting a military company known as the Queen City Guards. Their winning ways as teachers are greatly to be admired.

The True Reformers held a public meeting at the Ebenezer Baptist Church Monday night, 16th inst.; chief deputy S. W. Rutherford was present and delivered an address in behalf of the Reformers. He stated that the few months cyclone that had been blowing had not affected them and that the achievements of W. W. Browne had far exceeded that of any other man for the race and that the black man worshipped his opponent as a God, but no one could explain him. Their conception was sleeping, eating, dressing and walking about. If they possess these qualities, they care not what law has passed in Congress. That it had been indicated, the reason the endowment was not paid in Staunton they had no money. He lifted the money. Asked for the curb-stone prophets and the reason they had only one dollar and twenty cents a piece. One sister said, it had come, I am so glad. The applause was many and said, we are glad to have such a True Reformer. The earthquake, the entire city of Staunton will be shaken. Statement, Lexington is four-fifths True Reformers.

The True Reformers' paper was urged by saying that it was the nearest and cleanest paper that came to Staunton advocated by another one, the best language, and will say it with-out contradiction. Agents reply, if what the PLANET has said is true, it is indeed and in truth agree with you. The language is bad, but the fifty thousand dollar bag is worse, and it is with the people and they must say which is the nearest and cleanest, notwithstanding the language.

The endowment of one hundred and twenty four dollars and eighty two cents were presented to Mrs. R. B. Hardy, the widow of R. B. Hardy that deceased some time ago.

The PLANET, a race journal can be found at Mat Nicholas, E. Fredericks Street every Saturday and the agent without the criticism of any other journal that is making its way through the city.

A. E. BOLDEN.

MANCHESTER LETTER.

Manchester, N. H., March 24, 1896.

We are glad to hear of the great success of Dr. Wm. E. Atkins, M. D., of Leonard Medical College, N. C., where he has been attending for three years. He was a member of the graduating class of '96, which held its exercises at the University Chapel on last Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. We extend him many thanks for the invitation received to attend and also our best wishes.

The Spartan Social club recently organized in our city, at a regular meeting elected the following officers: President, John R. Cogbill; 2nd vice-president, John Holmes; secretary, Geo. W. Lewis; ass't secretary, George Robinson; treasurer, Charles Brown; sergeant-at-arms, Wm. L. Deane; board of directors, Lewis Scott, Willie Lewis, Samuel Booker.

Miss Jennie Threest of Midlothian is visiting our city, the guest of Miss L. Bland.

Mr. Horace Jackson was called home last week from New York on account of the illness of his mother. He is looking well.

Protracted meetings have commenced in all three of the churches in our city and are meeting with success.

The number of people upon the sick list this week at Medford are: Frances Harris, Louisa Woolridge, Harriet Nelson, Bettie Beasley, Margaret Muse and Charlotte Parson; Messrs. Page Garrett and Abner Armstrong.

The Manchester Mercantile Trading Company, corner 19th and Hull Sts., is the largest colored grocery store in city. People living in the city and country should patronize them. Buy the PLANET.

Cupid is firing his bullets thick and fast in our city. Hark, one of our young divines will be caught in the shower too.

Messrs. seem to be scouring our city. We learn that a number of our school children have stopped on that account.

Big "2."

New Quarters.

Mr. W. I. Johnson, our popular funeral director is now situated at 808 North 1st St. He is now ready for the patronage of the public.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

—Prof. G. W. Hayes, president of Virginia Seminary called on us this week.

—Mr. J. H. Lewis and wife of Philadelphia, Pa., was in the city this week.

—Richmond Steam Laundry, 318 N. 7th St. Motto: Fine Work. G. W. Bragg, proprietor. Phone 1206.

—Rev. Gibbons of Washington, D. C., was in the city last week and called on us.

—Mr. C. Thomas Brook of Philadelphia, Pa., was in the city this week and called on us.

—The wife of Councilman Benj. Jackson, who has been indisposed is much improved.

—Mr. T. H. Lewis continues ill. His many friends are hoping for his speedy recovery.

—President and Mrs. Gregory W. Hayes are happy over the arrival of a young lady in their family.

—We return thanks for the invitation received to attend the Commencement of Leonard Medical College.

—Mrs. Maggie Norman, 408 Byrd St., has returned to the city after having a second stay in New York City.

—We return thanks for the invitation received to attend the 1st Soiree of La Grande Social Club at New Odd Fellows Hall, Friday evening, April 3, 1896.

—We return thanks to Mrs. Caroline L. Townsend of Newport, R. I., for \$4.40 collected for the Lumberton Case.

—Mr. Clifton Ellis of Pittsburgh Pa., was in the city this week. He is the brother of Messrs. Wise and William Ellis.

—Rev. W. E. Gibbons of Washington is in the city. He is looking well and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Price.

—Miss Jennette L. Brawley, 11 years of age, who resides at At. Anta, was in the city for the Lumberton Case. Many thanks.

—We return thanks to Olive Lodge Knights of Damon for \$2.00 for the Lumberton case. J. C. Randolph, W. C. J. W. Fleming, C. R. and S.

—Mr. C. Thomas Brook of Philadelphia called on us, also Rev. F. F. Morris, pastor of Court St. Baptist Church and Mr. A. Humbles of Lynchburg.

—We have received \$5.75 from friends at Fort Keogh, Montana, and signed A Troop 10th Cavalry. Many thanks.

—We return thanks for the invitation received to attend the 2nd Annual Soiree of the Gladiolus Social Club at Richmond Hall, Friday, April 3, '96, at 8:30 P. M.

—We return thanks for the invitation received to attend the first entertainment of the San Parrel Social Club, Tuesday evening, March 31, 1896 at the Richmond Hall.

—Mrs. M. D. Norman, 408 E. Byrd Street, Richmond's popular and fashionable dress-maker returned on the 8th inst. from New York City after to have secured a first class ticket for two weeks attending the spring opening.

—Eugene J. Bass, was the only colored man before the Medical Board of Pharmacy, which met last week. We are glad to say that he passed successfully. This is the second colored man that ever passed that board.

—Miss Rosa Bailey made a festival at 5th Bapt. Church, Monday night, March 23rd, the sum of \$2.00 for the Lumberton Case. Miss Charlotte Scott, Mrs. George Gibson, Mrs. George Lewis, Mrs. R. B. Hardy committee. Many thanks.

—We have received an invitation to the fourth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. William P. Gibbons, Ph. D., of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Sunday, March 22, 1896. We are pleased to note the popularity of the divine.

—We have received the minutes of the 11th annual session of the Colored Teachers' State Association of Texas, held at Tillotson College, Austin, Tex., June 11th to 14th 1895, Prof. M. H. Broyles, president.

—We return thanks to the Head Waiter and Waiters of the Jefferson for (\$41.00) forty-one dollars in behalf of the Lumberton case.

—We have received \$4.38 from the Triumph Baptist Church of Prince Edward County. Rev. Nelson Jordan, pastor, the defence of the innocent women. Many thanks!

—We return thanks for the invitation received to attend the marriage of Miss Mary L. Wilson to Mr. John Gaines, Wednesday April 1, 1896 at 7 o'clock, Second Baptist church, Burlington, N. J.

—We have received the speech of Hon. Thomas B. Reed of Maine in the House of Representatives, Thursday Feb. 1, '96. It is an able production, ranking among the best addresses as yet made upon the tariff.

—Mr. Tiberias L. Wiley, formerly of this city but now of New York, N. Y., was in the city this week on account of the death of his brother, Mr. Charles Wiley whose remains were brought from New York and passed through this city enroute to Powhatan County, Va. The place of interment Mr. Wiley is looking as well as could be expected under the present situation. He leaves for his home in New York to-day or tomorrow. We regret his short stay but having left his wife and two weeks old daughter behind he is compelled to go home as soon as possible.

—The Key to a Perplexing Situation.

The Presidential campaign upon which the country has already entered presents the most complex political situation which has been witnessed in the United States since the Civil War. The Republican and Democratic parties are shaken to their centers by clashing opinions upon the silver question. The Populist party, and the possibility of a third party, a distinct force, is being organized. It is at such a time that the reader of PUBLIC OPINION appreciates the value of a paper that gives him a fair, unbiased, well-proportioned statement from week to week of the facts and of the drift of discussion. PUBLIC OPINION gives its readers a great deal more than this, but this is the thing for which it will be especially sought during the next eight months. Send a postal card to the PUBLIC OPINION Co., New York City, for sample copy and premium offers, or call at this office for information.

SHILOH RALLIES.

FREDERICKSBURG, March, 1896

Mr. Jno. Mitchell, Jr.,

Dear Sir:—For the benefit of the Lumberton prisoners, you will please send enclosed the sum of \$2.10, contributed by Shiloh Baptist Church (old site).

A CARD.

114 W. Leigh St., Richmond, Va., Mar. 24, '96. To Whom it may concern:

Learning that Mr. George S. Stephens, Jr., stated that the money collected by him in your city has been turned over to me, I desire to make the following statement:

I did not authorize Mr. George S. Stephens, Jr. to collect money for the Lumberton Case, nor have I received one cent from him for the same. Very respectfully,

MARIETTA L. GILES, Secretary Richmond Women's League.

TEMPERANCE TALK.

"Look not upon the wine when it is red, for alas it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."

Oh, how often beloved has the truth of this assertion in holy writ, been realized? I say, how often? The number of times is inconceivable. Men of this day and time seem to find a source of gratification in not complying with this sacred command.

Young men, old men, the world at large, this should not be so, when the church people of this land have placed so many sanctuaries, so many institutions of public worship within our reach, so many places at which our time could be more profitably employed. The Christian Endeavor Society composed largely of young people, is accomplishing a great and lasting benefit for the land in which we live by interesting downfallen men and women in the study of their immortal souls, and we are glad to see the determination which seems to be expressed in their many deeds of charity and in their helping hand to those who so much need an encouraging word and bright smile.

Besides this society, we have unlimited means for spending our time in more valuable work while the opportunity is afforded.

In the Sunday School we could be employed in training the young and deep hearts just beginning to bud in promise of future usefulness. The necessity of seeking the welfare of their own souls, before this demon of drink or some other of the many vices of this wicked world have been rooted and grounded in our hearts.

Young men, oh! hearken to the voice of Jehovah, and turn your footsteps in the ways of godliness. The mission work also offers abundant means of impressing the opportunities now offered to you, but the Christian Endeavor to my mind is the most suitable place for a friend like me to join this circle of honor, where the other in disguise cannot come in the mask of friendship and whisper his accursed words saying, "be merry, be social."

He will prove himself a mere pretender when he has secured a first foothold in your hearts, and the mask torn from his face leaving in the place of the one you thought to be a friend, a devilish wicked enemy, poisoning your life and endeavoring to break down the stronghold of the church with which he has so securely bound you.

Oh, come into this circle of honor where each is a shield to the other and to all the world an example. Touch but a drop with your lips and behold a vast ocean surrounds you to overwhelm and sink you forever. Dash it down, yes dash it down; let your eyes be "touch not, handle not."

We welcome you wayfaring traveler to the Lord of which we know so much, and in which you can find a refuge from your mocking, scornful enemy. For when the clutches of this demon of friendship has fastened his clutches upon you, he will delight in mocking you and laughing at your cries for mercy.

Men, be of good courage, trust in God, and exercise your faith in godly coming into this noble band of workers for good cause of very many that are in the stronghold of this demon, drink. A few days ago I had a whiskey speech and a few days ago four young men came down, claiming to be friends and the first drug-store was the place they arrived: one says to the other: "I want to catch my man, I would not have the ladies to catch the odor of whiskey on my breath." One called for cinnamon oil for one spice, one for saffron and one for mace. As soon as they were waited on, they all had their men. I say to you, the public in general, who are in the midst of this drink, don't try to hide from God or man. One young lady says she wants to run a spice mill, another a cinnamon mill, another a saffron mill and another a mace mill, according to the odor of those young men's breath.

Those young ladies told me afterwards in a private conversation that they knew the gentlemen with me had been drinking. This is true, but they should have such a variety of odors about them was enough to convince any one that they were trying to do good cause of very many that are in the stronghold of this demon, drink. A few days ago I had a whiskey speech and a few days ago four young men came down, claiming to be friends and the first drug-store was the place they arrived: one says to the other: "I want to catch my man, I would not have the ladies to catch the odor of whiskey on my breath." One called for cinnamon oil for one spice, one for saffron and one for mace. As soon as they were waited on, they all had their men. I say to you, the public in general, who are in the midst of this drink, don't try to hide from God or man. One young lady says she wants to run a spice mill, another a cinnamon mill, another a saffron mill and another a mace mill, according to the odor of those young men's breath.

This case, my friend, illustrates the forcefulness of the time worn, but yet constant reminder: "Be sure your sins will find you out."

Yours,

W. R. RICHARDSON.

NOTICE.

Thanksgiving services of the I. O. of St. Luke will be held at the 4th Baptist Church, Sunday, April 5, 1896 at 3 p. m. All the male members will assemble at Cook's hall 2 p. m.

By order of

W. B. CUNNINGHAM, Chairman;

GERTRUDE D. LAWRENCE, Sec'y

NOTICE.

The Fifth Street Baptist Lynchburg Virginia Seminary Club will meet hereafter the second Monday in each month, between the hours of five and six, at 740 N. 9th Street.

Done by order of

Mrs. BETTIE TINSLEY, Pres.

MARY PAGE, Secretary

MARY RANDOLPH, Treas.

REV. CRAWLEY'S LOSS.

Fire Destroys His Residence.

SOUTH BOSTON, Va., March 17, '96.

Mr. JOHN MITCHELL, JR.,

Editor Richmond PLANET,

Dear Sir and Brother—Our town was thrown into a gloom of sadness last Thursday night caused by the burning of Rev. W. H. Crawley's residence and contents which was totally destroyed, his fine library included which I have seen a church and community both white and colored moved with sympathy. His house has been long completed with six nice rooms and they were handsomely furnished. He was not able to save anything except his parlor suit and a few wearing clothes.

The cause of the fire is unknown. The Rev. and his family just did escape the flames. The fire was seen about 11:30 o'clock P. M. His churchmen and friends both white and colored are helping him in his trouble. His house only was insured, his furniture and other contents were a total loss.

Respectfully,

D. L. HILL,

Clerk of First Baptist Church.

THE RECORD BROKEN.

Essex County.

WHAT WILL BE DONE ABOUT IT?

Lawlessness Dies Hard—The Murderer at Large.

WARSAW, Va., March 24, (Special)—Tom Washington (colored) was lynched in Essex county at an early hour Monday for an attempt to criminally assault a little daughter of a prominent citizen of that county.

This is the first lynching within the State since O'Ferral has been Governor.

HANGED TO A TREE.

TAPPANHANNOCK, Va., March 24, (Special)—News was received here yesterday morning that a man was hanging on a pine tree in the lower part of the county, and a correspondent went to the scene.

At a point on the public road between Cedar Fork and Centre cross he found the body of a Negro man suspended from the limb of a tree by a plough-line rope.

The body was swinging about fifty yards west of the public road, and was first discovered by a boy about 7 o'clock this morning. Mr. B. H. Hill, a justice of the peace, acted as a coroner, and empaneled a jury, who viewed the remains, and brought in a verdict that deceased came to his death by a plough-line rope, at the hands of parties to the jury unknown.

PYTHIANS!!

A call for the Subordinate Lodges.

GRAND OF LODGE VIRGINIA KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

To the Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Virginia:

GREETING:—In accordance with the proclamation of the Supreme Chancellor, Sir Jas. C. Ross, I hereby call upon all lodges to assemble at their Castle Hall, Clay St., at 2 p. m. Sunday March 29th preparatory to preparing to the 3rd St. A. M. E. Church to listen to a sermon by Sir Knight Rev. A. S. Thomas.

Signed

JOHN MITCHELL, JR.

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Wm. TAYLOR,

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